



Opposition to HB6791, "An Act Concerning Workers' Wages at Large Corporations"

Sen. Gomes, Rep. Tercyak, Sen. Hwang, Rep. Rutigliano and Distinguished Members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee

My name is Gerry Pastor and I serve as the Executive Director of the Connecticut Child Care Association. Our members consist of non-profit and for-profit providers that serve families across Connecticut looking for high-quality child-care at both infant/toddler and preschool ages.

On behalf of CCCA, we object to this legislation which we believe will create a large disparity between small employee centers and centers regulated in the legislation. The provisions in HB6791 does not enhance the ability of workers employed by centers with more than 250 employees to earn more per hour but rather issues penalties to those centers who do not meet the criteria established in the legislation.

Both small and large child care centers serve a uniform purpose of providing parents with affordable, high-quality options for children in order to create an environment of universal pre-kindergarten in Connecticut. This legislation does not serve to enhance that goal and would hamper further expansion of certain centers looking to extend service to areas of need in the state.

We deeply appreciate the committee's willingness to consider this testimony and are happy to answer any questions regarding this testimony submitted to the committee.

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